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Newsletter #25:

What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

I want to thank everyone that commented on my questions for the VCoins site. That was extremely helpful and I passed on comments to the management there. Hopefully they take some of these concerns into consideration.

This week is another slow week but things will start to heat up with a few events just down the road.

Summer ANA Show in Denver, Colorado (August 1-5, 2017)

The World's Fair of Money show is finally upon us. This show, along with the New York International are probably the most significant coin shows of the year for ancient coins. There are plenty of small local shows but if you are interested in ancient coins than attending one of these shows is a highlight for most collectors. All of the domestic and international dealers for ancients are either walking or exhibiting at the show.

I will be exhibiting this year and can be found at table# 930. I plan to bring my entire inventory so please do stop by if you are attending if only to say hello. It is a great way to meet with dealers you have been working with throughout the year.

Here is a link to the show for all that are interested:

<https://www.money.org/worldsfairofmoney>

Numismatic Bibliomania Society (NBS) EAsylum Emails, General Meeting and Awards

Some of you may have a free subscription to the EAsylum journal. This weekly journal is sent out by Wayne Homren and contains interesting information pertaining to the field of numismatics but with emphasis on numismatic literature. Recently Wayne announced an exciting development in which the EAsylum will now be distributed to ANA members. Even if you aren't particularly interested in numismatic literature you will find these weekly emails incredibly informative. They tend to be very lengthy but

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The NBS also has a paper journal that comes out quarterly to which I have contributed three articles in the last few years. In fact, I was very pleased to hear that I am getting an NBS award for best article by a first-time contributor. This award and the general meeting will take place at the ANA in Denver on Friday, August 4 in Room 112 of the convention center. So if you want to see me revel in receiving my first award please come by!

Auctions this week

There are few small e auctions this week but most people will be gearing up for the ANA convention to be frank. It is worth a peek on Sixbid or Numisbids to see if anything peaks your interest. Two of the larger auction houses, Heritage and Stacks Bowers and Ponterio will hold auctions in Denver. There are ancients available in both of those auctions and interested people should check out their catalogs online. I am there so viewing and bidding live is possible for me. Just let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in any coins.

Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

The coin this week is an early incuse nomos from Metapontum.

LUCANIA, Metapontum. c. 500 BC. AR Nomos, 8.11g (27mm, 12h). Nine grain ear of wheat, META to right and beaded edge / Incuse of grain ear

Pedigree: Ex NAC 10, 9 April 1997, lot 35

Price: \$3,500

The coinage of Metapontum is among the earliest coins struck in mainland Greece after the onset of coinage in c. 650 BC. These coins have thinner flans and the reverse is simply an incuse of the obverse. Other Italian cities such as Sybaris and Poseidonia also had similar styles with an incuse for the reverse.

It was typical for coins to reflect the symbolism of important features of the minting Greek city state. In this case, a grain ear was used to exhibit that wheat was plentifully grown in the area and likely a source of wealth and prosperity for the inhabitants of Metapontum.

The innovative incuse reverse types are valued for their beauty, as well as the skill of the 6th century die engravers. The reverses of earlier coins were either blank or had a simple archaic reverse punch which made the decorative incuse innovation an upgrade to the coinage.

References: Noe/Johnston 120

Grade: Slight roughness on edge between 6h-8h. Beautifully struck and good silver. EF

If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

If you are interested in any other coins I have available please visit my website www.shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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